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SUBJECT: TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN NORTH KOREA
AND BENIN

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1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: WE ARE REPEATING BELOW THE TEXT OF
THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND BENIN WHICH
WAS BROADCAST FROM PYONGYANG ON JULY 15. WE WOULD BE IN-
TERESTED IN YOUR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GPRB WAS
SATISFIED WITH THE COMMUNIQUE IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT OB-
JECTIVES OF THEIR VISIT. END CONFIDENTIAL.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID: ON THE
INVITATION OF COMRADE KIM IL-SONG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND
AND PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
COMRADE MATHIEU KEREKOU, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND PRE-
SIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, PAID A STATE
AND FRIENDSHIP VISIT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF KOREA BETWEEN JULY 10 AND 15, 1976, LEADING A DELEGATION

OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND THE
MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

OF BENIN.

EVERYWHERE THE KOREAN PEOPLE ACCORDED A PARTICULARLY WARM
AND ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO THE GUESTS FROM BENIN. THIS
WAS A VIVID EXPRESSION OF THE HIGH RESPECT AND DEEP FRIENDLY
SENTIMENTS CHERISHED BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR HIS EXCEL-
LENCY PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU AND THE FRATERNAL PEOPLE
OF BENIN.

DURING THEIR STAY IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
KOREA HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU AND HIS
PARTY VISITED MANGYONGDAE AND INSPECTED FACTORIES, CO-
OPERATIVE FARMS AND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
IN PYONGYANG AND NORTH HWANGHAE PROVINCE. THEY ALSO AP-
PRECIATED ART PERFORMANCES STRIKINGLY DEMONSTRATING THE
CREATIVE TALENTS OF THE MASSES AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF KOREA.

VERY FRIENDLY TALKS WERE SUCCESSFULLY HELD BETWEEN COMRADE
KIM 11-SONG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND COMRADE MATHIEU KEREKOU,
CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN
AND PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

PRESENT AT THE TALKS ON THE KOREAN SIDE WERE COMRADE KIM
TONG-KYU, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND SECRETARY
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
KOREA; COMRADE PAK SONG-CHOL, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY
OF KOREA AND PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA; COMRADE HO TAM,
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MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF
KOREA AND VICE-PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AND
FOREIGN MINISTERS; COMRADE KONG CHIN-TAE, MEMBER OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND VICE-
PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL; COMRADE SO KWAN-HI,
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF
KOREA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE; COMRADE
KIM SOK-KI, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL-COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS
PARTY OF KOREA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE;
COMRADE KYE UNG-TAE, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE;
COMRADE CHONG SONG-NAM, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; COMRADE CHANG CHONG-HWAN, ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND VICE-MINISTER OF PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES; COMRADE CHON MYONG-SU, VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMRADE TOK MUN-HUNG, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

PRESENT ON THE BENIN SIDE WERE COMRADE MICHEL ALLADAYE, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION; COMRADE MARTIN DOHOU AZONHIHO, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR, SECURITY AND NATIONAL ORIENTATION; COMRADE ISSA ABDOULAYE, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND GOVERNOR OF ATACORA PROVINCE; COMRADE SIMON IFEDE OGOUMA, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND GOVERNOR OF ATLANTIKU PROVINCE; COMRADE JOSEPH DEGLA, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY EDUCATION SCHOOL; COMRADE ROMAIN VILLON-GUEZO, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL WORKERS TRADE UNION; COMRADE ANDRE ATCHADE, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL

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COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM; COMRADE TRAORE ALI MOUSSA BAJO, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; COMRADE RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT; COMRADE FRANCOIS DOSSOU, MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF THE PLAN, STATISTICS AND COORDINATION OF FOREIGN AID; AND COMRADE LEOPOLD AHOUEYA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT. AT THE TALKS THE TWO SIDES INFORMED EACH OTHER OF THE SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON FURTHER EXPANDING AND DEVELOPING THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA AND BENIN AND ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN.

THE TWO SIDES REACHED A COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON ALL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

ANALYSING THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE TWO SIDES STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT ERA IS AN ERA OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF ALL COUNTRIES.

THIS IS AN ERA IN WHICH IMPERIALISM IS DECLINING AND FALLING AND THE PEOPLES WHO HAD BEEN EXPLOITED AND OPPRESSED IN THE PAST HAVE EMERGED IN THE ARENA OF HISTORY AND ARE CONTINUOUSLY WAGING A VICTORIOUS STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION, SOVEREIGNTY AND PROSPERITY.

TODAY IT IS THE BASIC TREND OF OUR ERA WHICH NO FORCE CAN CHECK THAT THE WORLD PEOPLE RESOLUTELY STRUGGLE IN DEMAND OF INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-SUSTENANCE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF SUBJUGATION AND EXPLOITATION.

THE TWO SIDES DIRECTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT WHICH HOLDS AN IMPORTANT PLACE TODAY IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE THIRD WORLD PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION AND INTERVENTION AND FOR INDEPENDENCE.

THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT IS A MIGHTY ANTI-IMPERIALIST
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REVOLUTIONARY FORCE OF OUR TIME AND AT PRESENT MANY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS ARE BEING SOLVED IN A FAIR WAY THANKS TO THE JOINT STRUGGLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

THE IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS ARE RESORTING TO ALL SORTS OF MACHINATIONS TO WRECK THE REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES OF THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT.

UNDER SUCH CONDITION THE TWO SIDES HELD THAT THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD MORE FIRMLY UNITE, FORM A BROAD ANTI-IMPERIALIST UNITED FRONT AND DEAL A DECISIVE BLOW WITH UNITED STRENGTH AT THE SPLITTING AND ALIENATING MANOEUVRES OF THE IMPERIALISTS.

THE TWO SIDES ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE A HISTORIC MEETING IN MARKING A NEW MILESTONE IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO FRUSTRATE THE SPLITTING MANOEUVRES OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND ACHIEVE NATIONAL LIBERATION, SOVEREIGNTY, PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS UNDER THE BANNER OF UNITY AND THE BANNER OF INDEPENDENCE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND MANIFESTED THE UNANIMOUS RESOLVE TO EXERT CONCERTED EFFORTS FOR THIS.

CONCERNING THE AFRICAN SITUATION, THE TWO SIDES EXTENDED WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLES OF GUINEA-BISSAU, THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, COMOROS, THE SAHARAN ARAB DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND SEYCHELLES WHO HAVE WON INDEPENDENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

THE TWO SIDES RESOLUTELY DENOUNCED THE INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISTS FOR PLANNING TO DELIVER EVEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THE FASCIST WHITE MINORITY RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA TO MAINTAIN AS EVER THEIR COLONIAL DOMINATION OVER AFRICA AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST CLIQUE FOR BARBAROUSLY MASSACRING AZANIAN PEOPLE TO SOWETO AND VARIOUS OTHER PLACES SOME TIME AGO IN COLLUSION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISTS.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR
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THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND AZANIA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND LIBERATION AND FOR THE ENTIRE AFRICAN PEOPLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE COMPLETE LIBERATION AND UNITY OF AFRICA.

THE TWO SIDES WARMLY HAILED THE HISTORIC VICTORY WON BY THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES IN THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND WISHED THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES GREATER SUCCESSES IN THEIR STRUGGLE AT A NEW STAGE FOR BUILDING A PEACEFUL, REUNIFIED, INDEPENDENT AND PROSPERING, NEW SOCIETY.

THE TWO SIDES RESOLUTELY DENOUNCED THE CEASELESS CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND ZIONISTS AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLES AND EXPRESSED FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND ALL THE ARAB PEOPLES IN THE STRUGGLE TO TAKE BACK THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESTORE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THE TWO SIDES MANIFESTED FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST' INTERFERENCE AND DOMINATION AND FOR DEFENDING SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL WATERS RIGHT AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

THE TWO SIDES UNANIMOUSLY STRESSED THE NEED TO FURTHER EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS OF FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KOREAN AND BENIN PEOPLES IN ALL FIELDS.

THE KOREAN SIDE HIGHLY APPRAISED THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN AND THE FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN, THE VANGUARD PARTY, AT THE END OF LAST YEAR IN THE COURSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OCTOBER 26, 1972 REVOLUTION, A MOMENTOUS EVENT WHICH OPENED A NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THE BENIN PEOPLE.

THE KOREAN SIDE WARMLY CONGRATULATED THE BENIN PEOPLE WHO UNDER THE CORRECT LEADERSHIP OF THEIR OUTSTANDING LEADER COMRADE PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU ARE STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL UNITY, NATIONALIZING ENTERPRISES OWNED BY FOREIGN

'ONOPOLIES AND SUCCESSFULLY BUILDING AN INDEPENDENT
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NATIONAL ECONOMY AND NATIONAL CULTURE, FIRMLY ADHERING
TO INDEPENDENCE, AND SINCERELY WISHED THEM GREATER SUC-
CESSES IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO ADVANCE ALONG THE ROAD OF
SOCIALISM.

THE KOREAN SIDE EXPRESSED FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF BENIN WHICH, PURSUING THE NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY
BENEATH THE UPLIFTED BANNER OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND IN-
DEPENDENCE IN THE FIELD OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, IS WAGING
A JUST STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY AND ACHIEVE THE COMPLETE LIBERATION AND UNITY OF
AFRICA.

THE BENIN SIDE HIGHLY ESTIMATED THE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES
AND RICH EXPERIENCES THE KOREAN PEOPLE HAVE GAINED IN THE
SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THE SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION BY
EMBODYING THE CHUCHE IDEA UNDER THE CORRECT LEADERSHIP
OF THE RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER COMRADE PRESIDENT
KIM IL-SONG AND WARMLY WISHED THEM GREATER SUCCESSES IN
THEIR CAUSE OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION.

THE BENIN SIDE EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR
THE THREE PRINCIPLES AND FIVE-POINT POLICY OF NATIONAL RE-
UNIFICATION SET FORTH BY THE RESPECTED AND BELOVED LEADER
COMRADE PRESIDENT KIM IL-SONG AND FOR THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S
JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICA-
TION OF KOREA.

THE BENIN SIDE CONDEMNED THE QUOTE TWO KOREAS UNQUOTE PLOT
OF THE IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND STOOGES TAILING AFTER
THEM AND THEIR CRIMINAL MANOEUVRES TO IGNITE A NEW WAR
AND STRONGLY DEMANDED THAT THE QUOTE UN COMMAND UNQUOTE
IN SOUTH KOREA BE DISSOLVED, THE FOREIGN AGGRESSION TROOPS
WITHDRAWN FROM THERE AND THE UNITED STATES AGREE TO CON-
CLUDE A PEACE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL REPLACE THE ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE 30TH
SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE KOREAN SIDE RECOGNIZED THAT THE BENIN GOVERNMENT'S
SEVERANCE OF ALL RELATIONS ESTABLISHED WITH THE SOUTH
KOREAN PUPPET REGIME BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS
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TAKEN AS A REVOLUTIONARY MEASURE AGAINST INTERNATIONAL
IMPERIALISM AND ITS STOOGES, GREATLY ENCOURAGED THE KOREAN
PEOPLE AND CONSIDERABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNITY OF THE
PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEW EMERGING FORCES.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT IF THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEW EMERGING FORCES RESOLUTELY FIGHT TO ATTAIN THE

COMMON GOAL BY FIRMLY UNITING POLITICALLY AND CLOSELY CO-OPERATING ECONOMICALLY, THEY CAN RAPIDLY BUILD A NEW WORLD FREE FROM IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND RACISM AND FROM ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION AND PILLAGE.

THE TWO SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE VISIT OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN HEADED BY HIS EXCELLENCY MATHIEU KEREKOU, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS A MOMENTOUS EVENT IN DEVELOPING THE RELATIONS OF FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF KOREA AND BENIN TO A HIGHER STAGE AND MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE UNITY OF THE ASIAN AND AFRICAN PEOPLES AND THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM.

COMRADE MATHIEU KEREKOU, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION OF BENIN AND PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN, EXTENDED A FRATERNAL INVITATION TO COMRADE KIM IL-SONG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY OF KOREA AND PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PEOPLE REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

COMRADE KIL IL-SONG ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION WITH PLEASURE AND IT WAS DECIDED TO SET THE DATE OF THE VISIT IN THE FUTURE.

COMRADE PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE WARM AND FRATERNAL WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY AC-
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CORDED TO HIM AND THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND EXPRESSED DEEP THANKS TO COMRADE PRESIDENT KIM IL-SONG, THE RESPECTED AND BELOVED, GREAT LEADER OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR THIS IN THE NAME OF THE DELEGATION AND THE BENIN PEOPLE AND IN HIS OWN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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